

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for producing wiper arms for a motor vehicle, comprising the steps producing at least one element with a punch-bending process; punching out from the at least one element at least two alternating-side oppositely located parts; punching at least at one side of one of said two parts a tongue projecting outwardly beyond a base contour of said one part; punching in the neighboring other of said parts at a side which faces the at least one side of the one part a corresponding recess which corresponds to the tongue, so that a predetermined minimum distance between said two parts is not exceeded.

2. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1; and further comprising providing the recess with a surface which at least is equal as that of the tongue.

3. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1; and further comprising providing the recess with a surface which is greater than that of the tongue.

4. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1; and further comprising selecting the recess so that only a minimal required punching distance is punched out as the recess.

Claims 5-9 cancelled.